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CHAPTER I.

"Is your master still at breakfast, Scrunch? Call him out, then."

Col. Marshall did not discount, but paced his old nag impatiently up and down on the grass, over which the dew was still glittering. The morning was not yet fairly awake; the fogs lay in gray opaque rivers in the valleys below; but the sun shone warmly about the great stone farm house one of the oldest in Virginia, high up on the mountain side, with its massive front, its kitchens and stables crowding confidentially into view, and the gigantic oaks which seemed to have found their way from the forest below to be sociable and comfortable near its hospitable warmth. A straggling line of yellow billed ducks, muddy from the barn yard, came quacking and biting at the horse's feet; here and there a grinning black face was thrust out of the windows, as report of the colonel's impatient voice filled the kitchen, but did not even notice Tom.

Presently a short, stoutly built man, whose black moustache and military carriage gave him the air of a soldier, came out. "Why, Marshall, what are you doing there? Coffee's on the table."

"Not this morning, Jeems. I want to see you alone. Run in, Tom."

"Hyah, Mas' Tom. Yer not to hear that air!" Scrunches hurried up to Tom, to catch some droppings of the secret himself. But the colonel and Mr. Vogdes spoke in a whisper, glancing now and then anxiously down the valley in the direction of the coal miners' villages.

"There can be no doubt as to the disease?" said Vogdes, when they were alone.

"No. It is yellow fever unmistakably. And the mortality is as great as I tell you. The worst is, the wretches have no physician. Poor Jones—that young Sawtelles who lived by the mine, you remember?—was one of the first victims; and Campion, who went down on Tuesday from the hill, died last night. There's no chance for a man going out of a pure atmosphere. There's been a terrible want of drainage there. I don't know what's to be done."

"No. I don't know"— irresolutely.

"You see, there's Lowe—he's physician for the county poor; it seems naturally to fall to Lowe. But he has a wife and four children."

"Certainly. Lowe is out of the question."

"As I for dyce. But Fordyce isn't the man to make a martyr of himself. Fool as he died, with his prospects. The man's death warrant is signed that grass. Yet some one has if somebody ought to do something."

"Of course—of course," and after a short pause, "It's infernally annoying."

"Yes, it is." Both men were kind and charitable enough. But to have the drowsy country routine of every day, the cheerful breakfasts and sociable dinners, the leisurely ride down to their village offices and long drawn gossip, cigar in mouth, over business, more leisurely than all, suddenly disappear, and this pit of death and reeking corruption gape open at their feet, was, as Mr. Vogdes mildly put it, annoying. "I told that Yankee contractor how it would be," pursued the latter, his thoughts evidently flying off to the railroad fresh there. Steady, Dick! I know it was the beginning of trouble."

"I see but one way, Marshall. I'll go myself."

"You? What the devil, Jeems!" sighed for a minute. "I forgot that you had ever practiced medicine or I should never have consented to you with this story." Both men were silent for awhile, Vogdes mechanically stroking Dick's flank.

"I'll go, Marshall," looking up presently. "Come in and have some some coffee. This is foolish."

"It will never do, old fellow," with a good deal of feeling in his tone. "Let the cursed fresh alone. We can't buy their lives at that price."

"I don't know anybody who could be better spared than I," looking around as if he would be remarkably glad to light on a substitute. "I have no wife and few ties."

"You have Tom."

"Tom? Yes." He stopped short at that. "Tut! tut! There's no use talking about it. There's no danger. Come in, come in. What time does the boat go down to the mines?"

"Not until evening. You're determined to go?"

"Yes. I see nothing else to be done."

"It won't do," gathering up his bridle decisively. "I'll find somebody—I'll manage it."

James Vogdes watched him as he rode hastily down the hill, standing motionless after he was out of sight. Marshall could do nothing, of course. There was no way to "manage" it but the one.

"Jacob," he called, as he crossed the path and went up the front steps. A gray headed old mulatto came out, who had been factotum on the place for twenty years before the war. "Uncle, I wish you to see that none of the people go down to the landing or near the mine boat. I'm going away for a few days; come to my room presently for directions, and—stay—send Sam to ask Judge Parker to step on his way to town."

"Yes, sah. Gwine to need yer dress suit, Mars Jeems? Shall I tell Maria to puck it?"

Vogdes shook his head, laughing, and went into the breakfast room. Joe Page, who had been with him for a fortnight, was waiting at the table. "I sent the coffee out to keep hot, Cousin Jeems," he drawled. "Tom's been teaching me to box till you'd got back. Look here." Whereupon Master Tom shook his yellow curls and changed, and the young man and he tumbled over on the carpet with a shout.

"You're spoiling that boy. Come here, sir, and sit on my knee. Try this steak, Joe."

Tom! This was his last meal with Tom if anything happened. But nothing was going to happen. Page chattered according to his wont about the carpet dance at the colonel's last night and about New York, where he had been in June, and about the crops, the war, of course, coming in as a dolorous refrain to it all. His host answered him, turning his eye sadness now and then on Tom. "I know nobody that lost as little as you in the war, Jeems. There's the good of investing in western lands."

"I lost a good deal in negroes."

"Pooh, a mere trifle! Now look at us Pagets! Paupers. But you always were a lucky fellow. Your cup's always up when it rains. Now, if I had led two battalions where you did, I'd have come out legless or armless; or if I had invested in western lands, they wouldn't pay two cents on the dollar. I don't know where the deuce you find your luck," glancing out at the rolling hills of the Vogdes plantation, from which the mist was just beginning to lift, and then at the room within, with its old fashioned, solid mahogany furniture, and board, solid with china and frosted the table bright with china and frosted silver. Vogdes did not answer. If you left Joe to follow his own lead, he was sure to talk in circles, and you came take him up half an hour hence at precisely the same place and have lost nothing.

"Tom will be a millionaire yet with these western lands," staring at the child over his coffee with his vague black eyes, thinking that he was very like his father. "Not a look of his mother in him. That detestable Nash woman! One of the loveliest days in Jeems' life was that which rid him of his wife. Joe had a habit of profound speculation on trifles. He gave himself over now to the mystery of how Vogdes had ever been swindled into marrying that woman. People said that he never cared for her; it was a black streak in his life, never to be wiped out. No wonder he had not married again. But it must be horribly lonely—unnatural, too, for a man so young to sit down by the way side and only hope to live again in his son's life. Page wondered if he never did think of marrying again? scanning the soldierly figure opposite, and the face which, good tempered as it was, kept its own secrets. Joe, like most fashionable young fellows, had a gnawing curiosity, but this matter had a personal interest to him.

Vogdes meanwhile had time to coolly bored how exceptionally liable he had always been to any sort of contagion or poison. "It will most likely end in the one way. I'm glad I sent for Parker." His will was not made; he must plan for Tom, too, until he was of age. He had meant to be himself Tom's [illegible] companion and friend [illegible] close as he sat on his knee. Whatever death might be, he was sure that he would find a way through it to come back and be near the boy. He damned the fetish, their dirt and shiftlessness, to himself; but it did not once occur to him, however, to draw back and let them take their chance.

Joe rose, brushing a crumb from his velvet coat. "Time flies! I must be off."

Vogdes glanced at the clock. An hour with Jacob, two for Parker, and what a broken bit of the day was left until the boat came! Yet it seemed to him all of life was compressed into that little space. An hour ago the future meant for him a sizable manhood and long old age; now it had lessened into one short summer afternoon.

"What are you for today, Jeems? Business, as usual, I suppose?"

"Only this morning." He was silent a moment. "I will go down to the cottages this afternoon, and wait there till the boat comes. That is the best that I can do with the day."

"I'll say you're coming. I'm off for there now. I'll run, Cousin Jeems, I—but no matter." He turned away, growing fiery red. It was not the first time some confession had clicked itself on his tongue. Mr. Vogdes laughed significantly, but a sudden [illegible] stopped him from speaking. [illegible] at the young fellow with new [illegible] reception as he stood in the window, the sun falling on his tall [illegible] stature, his handsome features and auburn hair and beard. [illegible] the only type of man that a woman

But what could any woman matter to him now? He had written in all probability, [illegible] took himself. "Come, Tom," lifting him on one shoulder. "You'll stay with me today, old fellow. I have you, at any rate, thank God!"

CHAPTER II.

Only in Joe's romantic fancy could [illegible] was that little bald wooden [illegible] that looked as if it had slipped half way down the mountain, which she had always given rent from some poor relation. But when the war took from her husband, sons and property, she found refuge in it herself with Alice and one old negro. If they had been men, Joe would have wondered how they lived, for [illegible] nearly paupers as himself; but his chivalric creed would not suffer him to query about money and a lady together, even to himself. Most likely the truth was that the women [illegible] generally with tea and toast for the negroes, though they never lacked a dainty dish for a guest.

Alice had made the biscuits today for breakfast herself. Miss Vane, their guest, coming down the stairs, saw her in the kitchen, her soft arms powdered with flour, her cheeks burned pink. It was a pretty home picture, Miss Vane thought, who had a man's taste in female beauty. "Now I would be vulgar in a kitchen. I am always vulgar out of full toilet," glancing down at her own large slovenly figure, "but Alice is like a child in that. She is her own sweet innocent self always, standing apart. Dress or work don't touch her."

She leaned out of the window. Her face was sallow this morning, and her eyes sunken. Miss Vane was a victim to some obscure ailment which some of her friends called hysteria, and others a secret sorrow. Whatever it might be, the girl seldom slept at night; from midnight till morning the house shook under her heavy tread as she prowled about, now lying on the parlor floor, now creeping with her cold feet into Ally's bed, then out to the porch, tramping up and down in the darkness and rain like a caged animal. By noon she was usually curled up asleep under your feet somewhere, a heavy, dead lump of matter. People who saw Charlotte Vane in the hall room likened her to all kinds of glowing tropical birds and flowers; but orderly housekeepers found her unendurable, a very messenger of Satan sent to buffet them.

Charlotte flung the window open, and thrust out her head and shoulders into the wet, foggy air. The first morning rays had touched the upper waves of rising mist in the valley below, and brought out rose and saffron lights in them, half deadened by the somber umber of the sea below. Beyond, rising out of the fog, was a peak of the South mountain, a glimpse of clear light, green woods and running streams.

It was a pretty home picture.

"The hills of Beulah!" cried Charlotte. A choking lump rose in her throat. She was as easily moved as a child. The unexpressed power, the utter repose in this grand mood of nature calmed her, as the damp air cooled and steadied her body. She stood a long time without moving. Perhaps for her, too, there were hills of Beulah waiting above this dark unintelligible world. For her too—

"What is it?" said a pleasant clear voice at her elbow.

"The sunrise."

Ally peeped out. "Oh, it is nice. But it's horribly chilly! Come to breakfast, Charlotte, dear."

Down in the bright little breakfast room Mrs. McIntyre was waiting, seated by the fire in her worn velvet easy chair, the cat curled up at her feet, and her soft white fingers busy with that everlasting cloud of white netting. Miss Vane, who never sat on a chair, curled herself up on the rug at her feet, and put her head on her lap.

"The fire is pleasant this chilly morning, isn't it, Charlotte?" removing, with soft motherly little touches and pats, the obnoxious curl papers. "Some of the gentlemen might call before breakfast is over, my dear."

"So they might." The word fired her blood as the sound of the trumpet does the trained racer's. She stretched her long lazy limbs and got up. "Truth is, I ought never to 'show' except at night. Even Ally with her baby complexion don't light up so well as I do. Don't blush, child, whenever one speaks of [illegible] your own points as though you were a horse," with a bitter laugh, that had a stifled sob underneath.

Sometimes Miss Vane, when in a good humor, was as gay and brilliant with them as though they had been gentlemen. She told queer, cynical stories of her seasons at New Orleans, Havana, or Paris, out of which, however, all vicious meaning was purged in respect to the innocence of the little bread and butter girl, as she called Ally. But today she was silent, ate ravenously, cast furtive gloomy glances over at Alice's lovable little face, soft brown hair, neither chignoned nor fluffed, and fresh morning dress. These people were altogether genuine and fresh; it was that which puzzled and irritated her. They had known great trouble. Would nothing break their cheery, bright calm? When Charlotte had visited Virginia before, the McIntyre estate was as large as a German principality; now they were wretchedly poor.

Alice, after various mental pokes to rouse Miss Vane, gave it up. "Have you decided, mamma, about my blue silk?"

Charlotte pricked up her ears at the first mention of dress. "That store of old lace you had put by for Ally—I heard the soldiers tore it into rags before your eyes."

Mrs. McIntyre nodded and stroked pussy gently. Yet she did grow pale. "Don't bring ghosts, even of old lace, to the breakfast table!" cried Ally, quickly.

"But the idea of merino at a ball, Alice!" solemnly. "You don't understand, child. And yet you sit here and do nothing."

"What could we do, Charlotte? The lace was torn into shreds—perfect shreds, I assure you!"

"Who talks of lace?" vehemently. "You and your mother are in want, actual want. You have culture, both of you, fine taste and shrewd wit. Why do you not use them to help yourselves and the world?

Mrs. McIntyre's face deepened in color, but she did not speak.

"I'm sure, Charlotte," piped Ally with a nervous quiver, "I do not wish mamma to want. I'd teach music if anybody [illegible] and they're out of date. I can embroider very nicely"—

"Your cousin cannot mean that we should be sempstresses, Alice," quietly.

"Sempstresses—yes. Anything that would give a place in the world. I wish, God knows, that I had no fortune, that I might do something to justify my right to live," cried Miss Vane, who was now fully mounted on her last hobby.

Joe's horse's hoofs were heard outside, and Miss Vane abandoned her cause and vanished. A man—any man—to her was a foe to be overcome, and she was never victorious in her morning wrappers. She went to her room and spent the day there, in planning how to use her fast wasting life. She was in deadly earnest in the matter. She thought, as she did every day, of lecturing, of going into a hospital or a nunnery. The happiest time of her life had been during the war, when she had been a Confederate spy at Washington, carried maps in her boot hooks or chignon, and when she appeared as Maryland at a masquerade ball in Richmond, with gold chains fettering her beautiful bared arms.

"Ah! then I was a patriot! Then I lived! Like a man," she thought. The tears were in her eyes.

"What was it Mrs. McIntyre had said of Alice? Wife and mother?" She tossed slatternly and nerveless on the bed, saying the words over dully again and again. Would she ever be a loving wife as other women? She thought a baby's fingers might take away the stain and sore from her breast, but nothing else could. Nothing.

Then her thoughts went off at a tangent to James Vogdes. She had known him but a week or two, but she loved him. She was sure she never had loved any man so much before. If she could only be sure that he cared for her! She sat up on the bed, her sallow skin heating into mellow passionate tints, her eyes half shut and brilliant as an animal's watching its prey. If she could rid him of that weak feeling for Alice! It was not love. That silly commonplace girl had but a surface touch: she could never rouse the brain power, the fever passions which Charlotte felt were latent in him. "I am his equal! I will make him mine—to-night."

The next moment she bethought her of her dress for the evening, and the floor was soon covered with gorgeous ball dresses, torn and soiled, unmated shoes and stockings, artificial flowers, old letters which she had dragged out of her trunks. At the bottom of one she found a bottle of laudanum, some of which she poured into a glass and drank.

"Just what my nerves needed," she said, putting the goblet away.

CHAPTER III.

Joe Page kept an anxious watch on the door all day for Miss Vane. Alice was a nice little thing, but a man of the world like himself found, of course, metal more attractive in a higher type of woman. However, he lounged away the day contentedly enough. The little parlor, as usual, was cheerful and sunny, and Ally was always vivacious and stout tempered, and secretly relished a bit of gossip, as every woman does, however well bred. Joe mentally patted her on the head patronizingly. What a thorough little housekeeper was! so tender and watchful with her mother too! they were intimate as two happy girls together. Just the very wife for Jeems Vogdes. There was a whisper going about the neighborhood that Vogdes had been a suitor for Alice ever since the little girl had left school, which was in fact but a few months ago.

"I'd give all I'm worth to know if he has changed his mind since he saw Miss Vane," thought Joe, looking steadfastly at his boot tops, his heart in a fierce glow of jealousy. "But how the deuce is a fellow to find out?"

"Scrunches in training that pony capitally," he remarked. "The boy, you know? Vogdes intends it as a birthday gift for Miss Vane."

Now, there had been a vague rumor that the pony was to be broken for Alice.

"I never know a woman ride more beautifully than Charlotte," Mrs. McIntyre remarked quickly.

"I always think of Di Vernon," said Ally with a little gush of enthusiasm.

"By the way, Vogdes bade me give you his compliments, Aunt Letitia. He will ride over this afternoon. Tom wants to see Miss Vane."

"Tom is very fond of dear Charlotte," said Ally. "Everybody is that, though," forcing a smile; and then the little girl got up and went up to her own room in great haste, only to sit down and stare at the whitewashed wall when she reached it. Charlotte was lovely, there was no denying that; especially in that puffed yellow silk—and her arms and hands were models for a sculptor, as Cousin Joe said—"When they are clean," Ally added as a foot note in her secret soul, with a malicious toss of her head. "But that is no reason why she should take—my—my friends away from me," said Ally, trying to hold back the tears in her blue eyes. "Cousin Joe hasn't asked me to dance once this summer, quets for Mary Vane, and now there's Tom gone! Dear little fellow! It was hard she couldn't leave me Tom."

The little urchin was in the habit of running down to the cottage every day, and Alice's devotion to him (when nobody saw her) was something wonderful to behold. How she brushed and curled his yellow hair! how cheerfully sewed on missing buttons, or darned tears in his trousers, whispering, "Poor little motherless fellow!"

Meanwhile, down stairs, Mr. Page entertained Mrs. McIntyre with some of his most brilliant anecdotes of society and blase bits of philosophy. Alice's mother, he remembered, had been both belle and bel esprit in her youth, and it was worth while to show her how superior young men of this day were in savoir vivre to those of her own.

The lady, her white fingers busy with her wool, turned Joe over and over, and read his whole secret hitherto; that he was fiercely jealous of Vogdes, who he believed meant to put his fate to the test with Miss Vane to-night. The poor boy was as helpless in her gentle handling as a miserable little mouse upon whom a white motherly old cat has laid her velvety paws.

She smiled complacently as she went up stairs to dress for tea. Poor Charlotte! that would be a terrible marriage for any man under her rule as housekeeper. But she was thankful that Vogdes' attention had been directed from Alice. A widower with an unruly boy, a man whose early youth had been scarred with passion, was not the husband she would choose to take her pure white flower to his bosom.

CHAPTER IV.

It was nearly dusk when Vogdes reached the cottage. He had been detained longer at home than he planned; a man cannot so readily slip off the traces of the world and its business. When all was done he made an excuse to go all over the old house, to say a cheerful word or two to each of the people. Their old black faces had been familiar and friendly to him since he was a boy. Then he lifted Tom up into the buggy, holding him on his knee, joking [illegible] Tom, and now [illegible] idea that he ought to give the boy some great truth to guide him through his life, to tell him of God. But somehow he only held him closer and talked baseball. "What am I that I should speak of God to him?" he cried. He made a circuit of a mile or two. They passed a shady little grave yard. Close by the fence there was a marble monument so heavy and costly that there was no room for grass and flowers. They stopped beside it.

"I never was here before," said Tom.

"Nor was I," said his father. Now that he was, perhaps, done forever with life and its business, he wished to come to day above this grave that he forgave his dead wife lying there the wrong she had done him. He sat a moment in silence. He would have been glad if the marble had not been so heavy and broad above her. He would have liked to lay his hand on the warm earth that covered her breast to bid her a kinder farewell.

Half an hour afterward he drove into the inclosure about the cottage. The windows were all closed but one. It opened into the breakfast room; the bright light shone out and showed the dainty tea table set, a vase of autumn flowers in the middle, and Alice sitting by the urn alone, waiting for the others to come. She never had seemed so pure to him, so tender. The soft light brought into relief her womanly little figure, her shy, sensitive face with its dark blue eyes set in heavy shadows and the peach bloom on her cheeks. It was a miniature picture of home—the home that James Vogdes had never known.

"So you're here at last," said Joe Page, coming down the yard with a surly face. "I doubted if you knew your own mind this morning!"

Vogdes understood him. "Yes, I know it," composedly going with him into the house.

He was quite sure he know it. Why, for months the idea of that sweet, pure little girl as his wife and the mother of his boy had been as a glimpse into an unknown heaven for him.

He would make it sure to-night. If he lived to come back he would know if she would be his wife or no. Of course he knew his mind! Miss Vane had a certain charm that no one could deny. But he was no fool—no Joe Page to be won by it. If Alice—but here his heart failed him.

In the little hall he met Mrs. McIntyre and caught her hand, with a sense of having reached a half way house of present security. But he would not tell her his secret. No other hand than his own must capture this white dove and fold it to his bosom.

"I have a favor to ask of you, madam," offering her his arm and leading her into the parlor. Now James Vogdes had a certain soldierly courtesy and protecting, deferential manner to all women, even to his laundress, which had a queer, subduing effect on them.

Mrs. McIntyre's heart instantly softened.

"You may be sure it is granted, James," cordially.

"I am going away to-night for a few days. May I leave Tom and his nurse with you?"

"Assuredly. That would be certain without your asking. But I do not understand," looking at him keenly. "There is something beneath this. What is it?"

"Nothing. I am going to the mines. You know what is wrong there?"

"Yes," in a whisper. "I have not told Alice."

"There is no danger for me, of course. Still, I might not return. If I do not, I have made arrangement at school for Tom. But there is no woman—will you"—

"Keep a watch over him? Yes, as God hears me I will, James. But, my dear boy, this ought not to be." Her eyes were full of tears; she laid her hand on his arm.

"Tut, tut! there is no danger. Only I am over anxious about my boy."

"You will not speak of it to Alice? She is so easily frightened."

"No, no! I will wait here until tea is over, and then bid her good-by, if you will allow me." He sat down on the dark end of the porch, where he could look into the room at her sitting there.

There was a soft rustle in the bushes near, and a warm breath. He turned quickly. Miss Vane stood close beside him, quite motionless, looking at him. He could not distinguish her figure with its drapery of dark gauze from the shadows about her. He could discern only a glimpse of lithe, bending limbs; a glint of starlight fell across the mellow, olive cheek, the slow heaving bosom; he could feel rather than see her magnetic, absorbing eyes. He had an odd, momentary fancy that she silently had grown out of and belonged to the warm-tinted autumnal dusk, full of drowsy harvest smells, darkness and passion.

Strange as it may seem, Vogdes turned to this woman from Alice with a thrill of pleasure, almost relief. His brain had been heated all day, every faculty strained to its utmost tension; his courage quailed before the approach to his delicate, frayed light, lady lover; but this was only [illegible]

He did not speak to her. Their friendship had been subtle and unconventional from the first; the long silences, when the eyes or instinct only spoke, had been one of its features which strangely attracted Vogdes. When the darkness had grown familiar to him, he saw that her cheeks now were wet with tears.

"What is it?" he whispered, leaning closer. But she stood apart, the twilight forming an impalpable barrier between them.

"I heard all," she said. "I know what you are going to do."

"Tut, tut! there is no danger!" using the same words as to Mrs. McIntyre; but he whispered now, and the tone was soothing and tender.

"I know that it is almost certain death."

"Would you have me stay?"

"No. There are so few men who would do this heroic deed."

Miss Vane stood close beside him, quite motionless.

James Vogdes was noted among the men who knew him best as an unusually humble, unassuming fellow, a man who would never assert himself enough to push his way. But every nerve now tingled with keen excitement and delight. "My life is worth little to any [illegible]

And he waited breathless to be contradicted. Not that the stout, brawny fellow was in reality peculiarly vain or silly. Mailed Antony himself, no doubt, blushed with pleasure when the Egyptian women patted, and petted, and cajoled him, and put him on a pedestal to abase themselves before.

Charlotte's answer startled him. "Your life is worth little," she said, "for you have not known its value."

"Do you?"

The darkness was warm and still about them; his breath came hot and quick. She had roused fierce, passionate thoughts in him with her sudden, sharp probe; but they were of himself, not of her. Old ambitions started into life; the dream which came to him in his boyhood of what he might be, the dream that had so slowly died, and left him a dull, sensible country squire, plodding with the rest. "What am I, Charlotte? God knows I've sounded myself, but I find nothing." He waited as though the dark figure had been a priestess who had spoken to the gods for him. She did not answer at once. "I have lived very much alone. No one ever cared to speak to me as you have done now. But you overrate me. I am sure you overrate me."

"If you come back," she said, in the same low, strained voice, "there is no place which strength and intellect can conquer which may not be yours. Virginia needs a leader. The way is open and waiting for you. Let me speak plainly, though I am a woman. The time is short, and I am your friend," her voice failing at the last.

He listened breathless. "Yes. Let us be true and frank to each other. If I could believe what you tell me"— He was standing beside her. Unconsciously they had gone down the path into the thick trees of the garden. A strange madness fired his blood. If this were true? He had dreamed it of himself long ago. And Charlotte had subtly hinted it before. These words only gave substance to her meaning and to their friendship. If he were indeed to waken when he came back to a new life of exertion, victory, power! And she—this friend who saw his true self when all others were blind?

He turned sharply. She was close to him, the rare brilliant woman whom so many men had sought in vain, with all her wonderful beauty, her subtle thought, her feeling for him, whatever that might be, laid bare, ready for his coming.

He did think of Alice. But she had grown curiously petty and faded in his mind. A mere bit of ice. And Joe, he remembered, when you pressed it too warmly, sometimes rested in your hand a dash of insipid water. But here—

Could fate have meant him to win this woman's love? She turned her face slowly toward him. Charlotte had always this advantage on her side, that she never acted. For the time she loved the man madly. It breathed in the very atmosphere about her. It had its power over him without his knowledge. The heavy coils of her black hair had fallen and shook out a delicate perfume; her breast rose and fell with passionate tremble and shiver; her sultry eyes evaded his; her warm breath touched him. Then she drew back; she was almost lost in the shadows.

He sprang after her, caught her arm. "Stay! If I come back alive"—

He paused; there was a fierce struggle at his heart. A bell sounded down in the river fog. She waited a moment for him to speak.

"There is the boat." She said then, quietly, "We will be friends—in life or death." The tone was cold enough, but she touched his forehead with the tips of her fingers—just touched it, no more; but the next moment she was strained to his breast and his burning lips were pressed to hers. Then he turned from her and hurried down the hill.

At the parlor window Alice's little pale face had been watching all evening. She saw him now cross the path that led to the house, and stop uncertainly. She got up, putting her hand upon the pane. Tom, who was clinging half asleep to her dress, slipped down neglected.

"He is coming!" she whispered. Surely he would not go to meet death without a word of good-by for her?

The boat bell rang impatiently. She heard his sharp, clear tones. "Bid the ladies good night for me, Page. I am sorry I am so hurried."

Joe, who knew now where he was going, stood by him remorseful and fussing. "Will you not bid Tom good-by?"

"Tom? No, I could not do that." He turned and walked without a word down into the fog. Had he forgotten his boy in the last hour? He felt as if he had been lost in a hot, feverish dream, from which he would never wish to awaken.

Meanwhile little Ally stood by the window, watching him go. When the noise at the shore had ceased, and she heard the boat swash through the water as it passed down the river, she turned and went up stairs, smiling very brightly as she met her mother.

"Where is Tom, my dear?"

"I do not know, mamma. Tom? I [illegible] his intention?"

"O dear, yes! How foolish men are. Good night, mamma," and, smiling and nodding, she went into her room, double locked the door, and threw herself suddenly, white and shivering, on the bed. "And I loved him so! I loved him so! I could have made him so happy and comfortable!" was all the moan the poor little thing made.

Miss Vane, combing out her false black hair in the next room, felt her heart beat faster as she heard a sob. "Silly child!" she said, not unkindly. "It will make more of a woman of her, though. But he is not mine yet."

She sat thoughtful for a few minutes; then from the bottom of one of her trunks took out a suit of men's clothes and laid them ready for use. Then she lay down and slept heavily.

CHAPTER V.

Daylight wakened Mr. Vogdes out of his feverish dream very thoroughly. The yellow f

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First nomination of Robert King for County Surveyor was an excellent one, but for many years Mr King has positively declined that office He will hardly accept the nomination in this case

WILLIAM A WALLACE is at present somewhat wicked work by saying that Mr Hughes will accept the nomination for State Treasurer he will have Mr Wallace's support because, in the first place, he is a person of friend, and, in the second, a bright man well qualified to perform the duties of that office

UNDER Democratic rules in the county each precinct is entitled to three delegates and the County Convention, a full convention consisting of 102 members Last Tuesday's convention was composed of 14 regularly constituted delegates and four or five gentlemen who were present to see that the Deacons run the business as good sheep

[illegible] stealing that will be handed out in boom by hundreds of applicants for pensions It relates to proof of the original disability The rule which required the evidence of one commissioned officer or one orderly sergeant or in the absence of both the testimony of two privates, has been so modified that in the absence of other evidence the testimony of one private and the claimant will be accepted as sufficient proof provided that both are men of good character

THE Pittsburg *Commercial* says 25 years hence people will be astonished that the Christians and reformers of this day allowed the tobacco curse to grow to a $500,000,000 magnitude, and operate to get into general use, with next easy prey at save from a few women and few men who were called fanatics for meddling with these "constable matters" It is a curious fact that a great many people who shout loudest about the use of whiskey themselves use opium, and the habitual use of opium is an much worse than drinking as drinking is worse than the tobacco habit "I don't drink and you must not" is their maxim

PROFESSOR JOHN F CARLL, of the State Geological Survey who is high authority on oil and natural gas, is one of those who think the supply of oil in this state is limited and is slowly but surely becoming exhausted He does not merely theorise on the subject, but reaches his conclusions by two chains of reasoning One is that a thorough geological explanation shows no oil territory beyond what is now being drained, and the other is that the production shows a constant falling off, notwithstanding the number of new wells opened every year Thus, in 1880 the Pennsylvania fields produced 23,000 000 barrels of oil in 1886, with 3 233 new wells, the production was but 17,600,000 barrels. Evidently posterity will have to get along without Pennsylvania oil, and the scarcities of natural gas teach much the same lesson with regard to oil as products —*Pittsburg Dispatch*

THE HOOKERTAL AMBULANCE.

Hon James Brodie of Bradford, was nominated for County Treasurer by the Democratic County Convention on Tuesday last Mr Brodie has been a resident of Bradford and for many years has been engaged in lumbering and the wood branch of the Tanning company with Hon. L. D Wetmore of Warren Latterly he has represented the Struthers manufacturing company of Warren through the northern oil fields in the sale of their engines and other oil well machinery He is a man of positive convictions and for many years has been a leading adviser in Democratic councils. He has served two terms as Mayor of Bradford, the last time being elected as an Independent car didate over Pl. McMahon, the regular Democratic and Hon. R. B. Stone, the regular Republican candidates This is pretty good evidence that he has considerable political strength, at least in that city That he would discharge the duties of the office with fidelity, if elected, there can be no question.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION.

Pursuant to call the convention convened in the court house on Tuesday at about 2.30 o'clock p. m., and was called to order by Mr James Bayler, Chairman of the County Committee After briefly stating the objects for which they were assembled, he announced that nominations for permanent Chairman were in order Mr Perry Smiley, of Kendall was unanimously elected

On a call of election districts it was found that but 12 of the 31 precincts were represented and three of those by self constituted delegates

The representatives of the press present were elected as secretaries

The first business was the selection of a Chairman of the County Committee for the ensuing year which privilege was drawn by Mr L. R Shaw of Kendall borough Mr Shaw was requested to take the chair owing to the illness of Mr Smiley and that seeming to be the wish of the convention did so, and filled the position in an able manner

The County Committee as at present constituted was continued for the coming year

Messrs F J Collins of Bradford and J W Bacom of Lafayette, were unanimously chosen delegates to the State Convention and given power to chose their own alternates

At this juncture Mr F J Collins arose and in the name of the candidates for County Treasurer and Surveyor, he would like the candidates for County Treasurer and Surveyor, be nominated, but the motion was unanimously voted down

The convention then proceeded to the nominations

Mr James Brodder of Bradford, being the only person named for County Treasurer, was nominated by acclamation

For County Surveyor, Mr J H McQuaid was named but declined on the ground that he was not a civil engineer, and Robert King of Smethport, was nominated by acclamation

After listening to a few remarks from Mr James Bayler, the out going Chairman of the County Committee, the convention adjourned

THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

On Tuesday last the 23d annual session of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic convened in the city of Milwaukee, Wis Among other subjects which will be considered at this session will be the following

The pension question has of late become so large a factor in National politics and has been made the scapegoat for so many political transactions that the G A R men are interested in relieving it, so far as lies in their power from the stigma with which it has been branded upon it They G A R boys, as a rule too, will uphold the Corporal Tanner in his conduct of the Pension Bureau believing, as they profess to do that he has been motivated in issuing and increasing pensions by a desire simply to relieve the sufferings of destitute union soldiers, and has not overstepped the limit of his office

They will also, in good faith, urge that better provision be made for many of the old comrades who are without the necessaries of life so as not to be pressured from this that the G A R men will favor making an application reasonable for pensions Talks with these leaders develops the fact that they favor a careful distribution of pensions to only such veterans as it is established are worthy of and from the government

Another important matter which is likely to come up will be that of A R in the history of the future The members of the organization have for several years moved this question and are unanimous in agreeing that the country at large knows little or nothing regarding the work ings and objects of the order The old soldiers do not regard the brothers of the war that are loud in some sections of the country as correct in data and in bound in teaching Hence they wish to send down to posterity a volume which is not only a history of these organization but which is also a true and unvarnished narrative of the points that resulted in the war and a veracious account of the war itself

NEGOTIATIONS are now in progress between Great Britain and the United States for a settlement of the boundary line between Alaska and the Dominion The belief is expressed in Washington official circles that a joint commission will be appointed next year and intrusted with the task of delimiting a frontier extending in a northerly course from the Pacific Ocean to the frozen shores of the Arctic Hitherto the estimate of the enormous cost of this work has deferred Congress from making the necessary appropriations, despite the wishes of successive Administrations. Canada is undoubtedly more anxious to have the limits of her westerly frontier defined The country possesses a rich gold district on the Yukon river, but a wall of forest covered mountains 600 miles in extent makes the new El Dorado inaccessible except through Alaskan territory At present there is really no agreed upon boundary, Canada maintaining that the United States have extended its sovereignty into Dominion territory Miners in the disputed region, comprising hundreds of square miles, have successfully defied the jurisdiction of both Governments, rendering the administration of justice both uncertain and ineffective

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUSES.

It was thought at an early hour last evening that the police would be called upon to clear the sidewalks in front of the polling places in the various wards of the city, so great was the enthusiasm manifested by the leaders of the party, but after 8 o'clock the idea was dispelled The following are the delegates elected to represent Bradford at the county convention on Tuesday next

First ward 1st precinct. ——
" 2d " ——
Second ward, ——
Third ward, ——
Fourth ward, ——
Fifth ward, ——

For fear that some of our readers may not thoroughly understand the above table, and much as we regret to furnish a diagram and explanation of an affair that is unparalleled in the history of any political party There were no caucuses held in any of the wards of this city last evening. In the words of the celebrated comedian, Ezra Kendall, "Rats!"—*Bradford (Dem.) Sunday News.*

RAMONE FOR PURITY OF ELECTIONS

General William Mahone, in his speech before the Virginia Republican Convention that named him for Governor uttered one paragraph that The *Press* would like to see blazoned in letters of gold a foot high at every voting precinct in the United States, It is this

There can be no safety to the peace and well-being of organized society, no security to a Republican form of government, no protection to life, liberty and property, where the agencies of organized government and representative trust are inaugurated by means of polluted returns Such invitation, for the consumption of the government power of any constituent body must sooner or later come to plague the inventors It opens wide the field to the introduction of every danger to which the interest of organized society can be exposed

This telling utterance derives additional emphasis from the fact that it comes from a political leader and organizer of the type at which unscrupulous are wont to sneer as 'practical politicians.'

It is not denied by the Democrats of Virginia that they bribe the colored voters and falsify election returns. They admit it and justify it on the score of the alleged necessity of avoiding 'negro domination.' But does it never occur to them that they are fundamentally the young men of the south with a most dangerous form of immorality and rankling them with the sense of [illegible] Mahone's words have been spoken none too soon If corrupt and fraudulent practices are sanctioned because of the supposed necessity of avoiding 'negro domination,' how are they going to be stopped when, as a result of the beneficent Republican policy of education the shadow of that excuse no longer exists'

The Republican candidate for Governor of Virginia has pledged himself to a clean and honest campaign Let McKinney, the Democratic candidate, do the same, and see that his party sticks to it The eyes of the country are on Virginia this fall, and the country will judge which of the two parties there can most safely be intrusted with power By their fruits ye shall know them" and fruits in this connection means campaign methods. *N Y Press*

THE CAMPAIGN IN VIRGINIA

The Republican Convention in Virginia on Thursday was fully of spirit and enthusiasm, and promises well for the party in the campaign now opened in that State The resolutions and speeches had an earnest purpose about them They ought to arouse every man to his full duty

The nomination of General Mahone for Governor will not prove entirely satisfactory to some of the Virginia Republicans but it was made with absolute unanimity in a convention which contained many who have not acted in harmony with General Mahone hitherto It is the choice of the majority of the party however and the minority can afford to yield as it does in other States and turn in for the party and what it represents

General Mahone is a shrewd and restless campaigner he knows Virginia as no other man knows it, and those Republicans who are unwillingly reconciled to his leadership and there are still many—will much better serve themselves by supporting him than they can by pursuing an indifferent course, which must certainly result in [illegible] Mahone's election. That would only keep Virginia back when everybody wants progress.

There is a great deal more at stake than individual success, which is really not the thing to be considered All the material interests of Virginia are in great degree dependent upon the success of the Republican policy and the prestige which that policy would gain by a triumph this year would be an unthinkable benefit to every interest in the State That should be sufficient to inspire every one who believes in Republican principles to active work

It can hardly be doubted that a majority of the people of Virginia believe in the policy declared in the platform of the Republican convention Why should anyone who takes a broad view of that limit upon a question of mere Virginia politics Republicanism all the Republicans vote the Republican ticket and this year they ought to do it —*Philadelphia Inquirer*

G N RUSSELL A ALGER of Michigan was elected National Commander of the G A R on Wednesday evening last by the national encampment now in session in Milwaukee

LITERARY NOTES.

A WANT OF STABILITY IN AMERICAN EDUCATION

We have no right to flatter ourselves that there is any thing peculiar in the quality of the American boy which will enable him to dispute with that long, and patient training in prescribed studies which does so much for the German student in the secondary stages of his education Indeed, there is so much flexibility and versatility in the present character of the American boy, and so much lack of stable institutions which have to do with education, that it is not possible to pronounce with confidence upon the question what his typical natures characteristics will prove to be. At present it may be said that if the average pupil in this country is bright, enterprising, and inquiring, and is ready with a commendable reliance upon his own resources to skip from branch to branch on the tree of learning, and to pluck at an incredible variety of the flowers of knowledge in a short space of time, we are not so sure that he possesses certain other equally desirable qualities. These are the staying qualities—the patience, endurance, and steady industry on which scholarship depends.—From "The Fitting school in American Education," by Professor George Trumbull Ladd, of Yale College in September *Scribner*.

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SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED by the undersigned Odd Fellows' Hall Association of Smethport, Pa., at the store of H. W. Rubin until 4 o'clock p. m. September 4 1889 for building a two story brick building Plans and specifications can be seen on application to H. W. Rubin Treasurer, at his store No 10 Main street Smethport The directors reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

NOTICE - TO - BUILDERS!

FIRST-CLASS QUARRY STONE

For Cellars at $1 per perch of 24½ feet, masons' measurement, delivered Also fine stone for Water Tables, Windowsills, and general Trimmings for Brick Buildings

S. A. BACHUS.

Smethport, Pa., Aug 22 1889.

Court Proclamation.

The Hon A. G. OLMSTED President Judge of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphans Court and Court of Common Pleas for the County of McKean has issued his precept, bearing date Friday, May 31st, 1889, and to me directed, for holding a Court of Common Pleas, at the borough of Smethport, on Monday, the 9th day of Sept., A. D. 1889, and to continue one week.

Dated at Smethport, Pa., Aug 9th 1889 and in the 113th year of the Independence of the United States of America.

W. B. CLARKE, Sheriff

Trial List.

For Second Monday of September, A. D. 1889.

1 W D Gallup vs G P Bayer No. 220, May term, 1889. Feigned issue.

2 Mrs. M. A. Horn now for use of S G Felix, vs H D. Hull and J A Ege, partners doing business as Hull Bros & Co., and H. A. Dempsey, assignee No. 221 May term 1889 Assumpsit Plea—Non assumpsit, set off pay ment with notice of special matter to be set forth at large hereafter

3 Sullivan P Lincoln and Eliza L. Lincoln, his wife, in right and for use of said Eliza L. Lincoln, vs Wm R. Fisher Robert T Lane No. 30 May term, 1889. Ejectment for 91 10 acres of land in Bradford township McKean county, Pa., parts of lots Nos. 173 and 331, and a part of Warrant No. 2458. Plea—Not guilty

4 Sullivan P Lincoln and Eliza L. Lincoln, his wife, in right and for use of said Eliza L. Lincoln, vs P L. Webster No. 33, May term, 1889. Ejectment for 91 10 acres of land in Bradford township McKean county, Pa., parts of lots Nos. 173 and 331, and a part of warrant No. 2458. Plea—Not guilty

5 Sullivan P Lincoln and Eliza L. Lincoln, his wife, in right and for use of said Eliza L. Lincoln, vs Hiram Hazzard, W. C. Husband, L. O. Emerson and D. O'Day, Joseph Seep, James Ames, P T Kennedy and W A Hall—Robert Derby & Co Commercial Oil Company, Robert Derby & Co Refining Company, Robert Derby & Co Pipe Line Company, Robert Derby & Co Transportation Company, Robert Derby & Co Tank Line Company, Robert Derby & Co Gathering Company, Robert Derby & Co Producing Company, Robert Derby & Co Supply Company, Robert Derby & Co Tank Company, Robert Derby & Co Pipe Company, Robert Derby & Co Lumber Company, Robert Derby & Co Land Company, Robert Derby & Co Oil Company, Robert Derby & Co Gas Company, Robert Derby & Co Coal Company, Robert Derby & Co Iron Company, Robert Derby & Co Steel Company, Robert Derby & Co Aluminum Company, Robert Derby & Co Copper Company, Robert Derby & Co Zinc Company, Robert Derby & Co Lead Company, Robert Derby & Co Silver Company, Robert Derby & Co Gold Company, Robert Derby & Co Platinum Company, Robert Derby & Co Palladium Company, Robert Derby & Co Rhodium Company, Robert Derby & Co Iridium Company, Robert Derby & Co Osmium Company, Robert Derby & Co Ruthen

The McKean County Miner

Smethport Pa., August 30, 1889.

Local Editor.

LOCAL AND HUMOROUS.

—Temperance, a clear conscience, a mature educated to look upon the sunny side of life, a due appreciation of the musical ring in the spontaneous laugh of youth and eight hours of sweet, refreshing oblivion, with an early rise and a number of deep-drawn inhalations of the breath of the rosy morn are the component parts of the best "elixir of life" ever discovered If erring humanity would take a daily hypodermic injection of the above tonic, the average life would be prolonged to a great extent

—A Maine farmer, L. S. Higgins, died lately worth from $20,000,000 to $40,000,000 He grew up in an obscure country town, with no education beyond what the country schools gave a boy in the first quarter of this century, and that he made this immense fortune mainly by his own industry and business sagacity, is one that deserves emphasis in mention as an instance of self making which is not to significant to be allowed to remain in its place in an obituary notice After all, what was Higgins to the world or himself beyond many a man who has died worth just a dollar? Is it probable that he ever had any fun or got out of life much of anything that was worth living for? It is utterly improbable! *Pittsburg Times*

—Dr. Thomas Eddy of Clermont died at his home in that place on Saturday evening last of chronic morbus He was about 70 years of age He was in old soldier, having enlisted in the 49th, 200th Regt P V in 1861, but owing to disability was mustered out in Feb 1862 He afterwards enlisted in the New York cavalry regiment and served through the war He was not a member of the G A R but at the request of Commander Choate, who was informed that the family were in destitute circumstances Comrades Burlingame and Rogers of Post 347 went to Clermont in December to the funeral of the deceased If all services were conducted by Rev J G Mann The remains, accompanied by the family of the deceased were taken to Sinnamahoning for burial

A large number of our people went to Bradford yesterday to witness the firemen's annual parade

PERSONAL MENTION

We would deem it a favor if our patrons in each locality in the county would kindly assist us by saving us the trouble

C W Franklin and wife of Bradford were guests at the Central last Sunday

T S McCarty made a business trip to Williamsport the latter part of last week

Miss Minnie Barker, of Scranton is the guest of her brother, Mr C A Barker, of East Smethport

J H Arnold and S W Smith two of Port Allegany's leading citizens were in town last Saturday

M O Campbell and wife returned last Saturday from a few months visit with friends in Kansas

Mrs C H Filkins, of Kennard street, Bradford is the guest of Mrs J H McCandless on Main street

Messrs A H Mayo and Charles Stone, two of Bradford's solid business men were in town on Wednesday last

Mrs Eugene Quackenbush of Cleveland, Ohio, is a guest at the residence of her father Mr C K Sartwell on Main street

J J Newman, of Buffalo is in town

Mrs M E Malone, of Rahway spent Sunday in town the guest of her neighbor, Richard Varner

W. L. Lyon, daughter and son, of Addison, N. Y., are guests at the residence of Williams, Esq., on Alley street, a few days during the past week

F E Brooks, of Bradford, and Charles Moses of Dagport, drove over to Smethport last Sunday They were welcome visitors to their former home

Wm Gratton Wade and two sons and E W Johnson and Miss Hale of Lewis Run were guests of Constable Jas Shoemaker at his residence last Sunday

Wm O Crawford, who is connected with Hyson office publishing house in Philadelphia was around town a few days with Capt C C Mason, of Bradford on Saturday of last week

Frank Collins, the genial Main street business man of Bradford came over on Thursday to run the Democratic Convention It could hardly have been called a Convention had he not been there

Postmaster Barker and wife left Town and visited Olean the early part of last week Thursday last Barker and wife returned They were in search of the astrical entertainment and report an enjoyable trip

D. E. Custer, Esq., of Eldred, one of McKean county's ablest attorneys, was in town last week from a visit to the west coast trip The *Era* says that Mr Custer proposed to locate there some time in the west Permanently We regret to hear it.

Mr. A Reilly Ex-County Commissioner of McKean County, Pa., with his wife and daughter, Miss Emma, and Rev J J Gallagan, all of Smethport, Pa., have been at our beautiful resort during the month of August, stopping at the Minerva House Mr Reilly is largely interested in that thriving town which is the heart of the Pennsylvania oil regions. He has made a survey of the Jersey coast, having visited nearly every resort along the shore and finds no place like Sea Isle City for him He pronounces it the finest of the numerous resorts, and it is probable that he will invest some of his capital here and become a member of the colony of this place. The party returned to their Pennsylvania home yesterday morning where they will give a glowing report of their visit and the town.—*Cape May Co. Times*

A Blaze at Larrabee.

Last Saturday about 2:25 p. m. Mr. Hoover, of hotel Chadwick, discovered the frame barn of W E. Wilcox to be in flames He gave the alarm which was promptly responded to by the neighbors, but too late to be of any avail. The building and contents, consisting of two horses, four harnesses, one top buggy and fifteen tons of hay were quickly consumed Although the building was insured, the loss was estimated at about $1,200. It is thought to be the work of incendiaries.

Cards of Thanks.

The relatives of the late Miss Adams tender their thanks to the many friends who displayed such generous devotion during the last illness of the deceased. Their kindness in the hour of affliction will ever be remembered.

The Ladies Aid society wishes to thank those who have charge of the pump station at Colegrove and the lawn surrounding it for the use of the same, and also the many employes of the N. T. Co. for their liberal and gentlemanly attendance at the festival given by the L. A. S. on the evening of last week.

MRS. J. COLEBROOK,
Pres. of the L. A. S.

D. C. YOUNG is selling off his goods at reduced rates preparatory to moving into his new store.

In Memoriam.

Died at the home of her brother-in-law, Mr. F. S. Baker, on Green street, Smethport, on Thursday evening, August 22d, 1889 at 9 o'clock, of catarrh of the stomach, Miss Ella H. Adams, aged 37 years.

Miss Adams was born in Steuben county, N Y., on the 16th day of January, 1852 She was exceedingly fond of music from her infancy, and at the early age of 16 years entered Baxter's conservatory of music at Friendship. She labored early and late to acquire a musical education, and was so untiring a student that at the end of the first year her health gave out and she was compelled to leave the school But the advancement she had made in that time was such as to entitle her to a diploma which was given her since then she has improved every opportunity to take private lessons from the best teachers the last of whom was Prof Sawyer late of Bradford But from the day she left the first-mentioned conservatory to the day of her death she was subject to severe attacks of the ailment which finally culminated in her demise All that medical skill and loving hands could do to alleviate her suffering was done during her last illness but it proved of no avail

Miss Adams first came to Smethport in the summer of 1887 on a visit to her sister Mrs F S Baker In the fall she returned to her home in Bethel, N Y., but came back to Smethport the following Christmas, accompanied by her mother, who, as they have since resided, most of the time with their daughter.

Miss Baker For the past 18 months she has been engaged in teaching music in this vicinity and when taken sick eight weeks ago had large classes in Lewisville and Colegrove, all of several pupils in this place The Bethel school board had engaged her as instructor of music in their high school for the coming school year, and the prospects before her were of the most flattering character

The deceased left once a mother Mrs Emma Adams and a sister, Mrs F S Baker of this place and three brothers, James Charles and Marion the two former residing in New York state and the latter in Wisconsin to mourn the loss of a dearly beloved daughter and sister

The funeral services were held in the Methodist Episcopal Church on Sunday afternoon last at 2 o'clock, the auditorium being filled to overflowing with sympathizing friends The services were conducted by Rev J W Chandler the pastor officiating Messrs F W Brown and Henry Gallup The remains were buried in Rose Hill cemetery

Grace is not from us more but from love
But to her Father's home above

Two Merited Compliments.

Among the visitors to the city to-day is a young man who is to be admired to figure some of its prominent men are first men of the county His signature, Fred W Brownell written on a clean business card in the hotel register, is like its owner pleasing to the eye And as a part is well cut fine-looking fellow who will have a rare birthright to be an orator as he is a son of Hon W S Brownell of Smethport and with his brother George, succeeded to the fine general store business built up by his shrewd and careful father and both are the rounded trained business young men Fred now stalked of by those who don't know him as a Democratic candidate for County Treasurer

If Hon. A N Taylor had not lost his [illegible] at the residence in Smethport, he would to-day have been by far the wealthiest man in McKean county When he died he left a large fortune aggregating fully $300,000 to his widow, one son and two daughters. Many years ago a young and green farmer boy entered his employ as clerk in his store The boy was endowed with the business and financial ability and soon proved a valuable assistant to his employer and the fifth married one of his daughters Now the signature of D C Young at the bottom of a check is good for many thousands, and he is one of the sound substantial and most highly respected citizens of the county seat and the county He has the confidence and best furnished residence in the county, and were it not for a recent bereavement in the loss of a dearly loved little girl, his would be one of the happiest as well as loneliest homes in the county Mr and Mrs Young are stopping at the St James—*Star Eagle* item.

The Late Dr Eaton

We are indebted to Miss S. A Scull for a copy of the Chautauqua *Assembly Herald* of the 19th inst., which contains an account of the memorial exercises held in the Amphitheater on Sunday afternoon, August 18th Following is the resolution brought such profound sorrow President Hilf spoke of his life among Chautauquans, and was followed by Dr. Vincent, who, after giving a brief biography, referred feelingly to the character of this man, who had been to him a warm, tender and faithful friend, to his earnest efforts for the advancement of Chautauqua and his interest in it, and to the circumstances of his death A letter, beautiful in thought and diction, written by Dr. Eaton to Mrs. Martin, shortly before his death, was read. Dr. E. M. Adams then spoke in touching words of Dr. Eaton as a friend and comforter to him in his sorrow, and of his noble traits of mind and heart.

Temperance Meeting.

Col John Sobieski the eloquent temperance speaker, will deliver a lecture on that subject in the methodist Episcopal Church of this place on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, Sept. 10th and 11th, commencing at 8 o'clock. The following extracts show how he is appreciated in other sections of the country

Hon. John Sobieski spoke yesterday at the camp meeting and pleased everybody with his sound, logical arguments on the temperance question. The address was enthusiastically received, and was one of the best ever delivered in Tioga county. —*Elmira (N. Y) Gazette.*

His eloquence and wit, coupled with sound logic and argument, served to impress his audience with the idea that he was the right man in the right place. His short stay among us was productive of much good to the temperance cause.—*Atlantic (Iowa) Telegraph.*

Programme for To-Night's Concert.

The third of the concert-series will be given by the Smethport Band on the court house grounds at 7½ o'clock this evening. The following excellent music comprises the programme:

1. March	Elite Regiment	J. P. Sousa
2. Overture	Night Watcher	F. Meehan
3. Selection	Donkey's Parol	J. Glover
4. Polka	Jolly Blacksmith	S. Spilky
5. ...	Comic Tat-Too	P. Farbach

Owing to many and unavoidable causes the last concert was omitted, but the above will more than make up for the omission. The last number is immense and everyone should hear it.

EASY.

A correspondent of the Pittsburgh *Commercial-Gazette* visited Smethport a short time ago and desired to "write up the town," *provided* its citizens would take two or three hundred dollars worth of the items in which the big puff would appear The proposition failed to materialize and the gent'leman left with a sad heart It, however "caughtion" in Bradford and Kane, and last week we published an extract from his Bradford letter in which he touched up the industries of that town following is what he says of Kane gas companies brush-block and clothes pin factories and chemical works

Two chartered gas companies supply the citizens with fuel at the monthly rate of $1 per stove with heating stoves free from May 1 to September 1 To large consumers special rates are granted, and should extensive manufacturers prefer to do so they can drill wells of their own with a reasonable certainty of abundant supply The cost of sinking a well is about $2,000, and the expense of one completely equipped ready for use and including all mineral rights, will not exceed $3,000 A number of gas wells developed recently in quest of oil can be purchased for $500 and upwards, and pipe for the factory for about 15c per foot Constable

[illegible] the largest industry in Kane is its brush block factory, founded here some four years ago by the Holgate Brothers the oldest and most widely-known firm in this line in the whole country the business having been handed down to the present generation from a hundred years back In February, 1888 Joshua Davis, his son, W H, and G W [illegible] purchased the one-third into the wood company Mr Neuls, who gives every detail of the business his personal attention was with the Holgates fifteen years ago becoming thoroughly versed in the manufacture of every article made in the factory, including brush heads, brush handles whitewash paste dust stove and wood [illegible] by the [illegible] of mixing special [illegible] the new capacity [illegible] 100,000 gross a month The variety of handles made being over 6000 These goods are shipped to all parts of the United States although the bulk of them go to N. York Boston Baltimore Philadelphia Pittsburgh Chicago and St Louis Two cars a week of timber and one car of lumber and logs are located at the factory while the yards in the great hard wood district

In the manufacture of clothes pins Kane is becoming famous Just think of twenty one miles of clothes-pins will be made here in a day This is almost enough to keep the weddings of all the families of Smiths in Pittsburgh planned to the line Only one of the three factories are producing, two is yet to be completed The one we visited is in West Kane a distance of two miles from Kane, being located on account of its proximity to the timber used in making the pins The process of manufacture is interesting to see It is done in just six motions The first one cuts a long stick off the log, the next saws a board from the chunk the third saws the board into square strips the fourth cut the strips into cubes with lengths the fifth turns the pin and the last cuts the pins apart There are twenty pins in a row and at the rate of one row per second the machine will turn out 1200 pins per minute or 72,000 per hour Two shifts of men are employed in running the machines which they do at the rate of 1,440,000 pins per day and are steadily employed to about thirty men

Kane is also the home of the Ed Mont Chemical Works of which J C James is President H J James Treasurer and J B Finch General Manager and Secretary and J B Finch Superintendent They manufacture acetate of lime charcoal and naptha, operating what is known as a twelve-retort plant, and consuming 4,000 cords of beech, maple and birch woods annually using natural gas fuel The works are located three miles south of Kane have been running seven years, and their products are shipped to the Philadelphia and Baltimore markets

DON'T fail to look at the Forest City lawn mower before you purchase They can't be beat Sprague has them to sell

D C YOUNG is selling off his goods at reduced rates preparatory to moving into his new store.

CLERMONT CHATTINGS

Mr Jacob Amend is visiting with friends in Bradford

Samuel Boldt and wife visited the quarters in Kane at Colegrove

Judge Metz represented the democratic party of this township at the county convention Tuesday

Lizzie the highly accomplished daughter of Mr and Mrs I Bayer, is home on a few weeks visit

A E Barton Reading Clerk of the senate has many thanks for public documents Jerry never forgets his friends

Dr Chadwick is having his hands full in Kane's place just now and I am pleased to say he attends to his patients very promptly

Thos Eddy M D from Kinzua, Warren Co., who has been practicing medicine at this place for a few months died Saturday last

Frank P. McCarty of Smethport, has opened a meat market next door to Sam Gross's cigar store and seems to be doing a good business

Mrs E. Steinhauer has built an addition to her store, and can now boast of one of the largest stores in town, we are pleased to note this sign of prosperity

John Murphy Esq one of Wilcox's most prominent young business men, was in town yesterday and his handsome autograph was placed on record at the Steinhauer House

Among other prominent men that have made our town a visit within the past few days we noticed Rev J G Mann, of Colegrove, Hon J Rogers, H L. Burlingame Hon P M Butler Judge M N Allen and Ed Daily Esq., all from the county seat.

L. Bayer, Esq has purchased the house formerly occupied by J H Desmond, and is having it fixed up It will be rented by Mr Butts for the postoffice. Mr Bayer will also build several more houses on his property near the station, this fall Nothing like building up the town We hope he will enlarge and fix up the old Wells House for a first class hotel

Conductor Nichols, in speaking of the morning train from Olean to Clermont, said "Why our train makes close connection at Eldred for Bradford, and that's the only way to get an early train to that city for people living between Olean and Eldred We also have passengers for the Pennsylvania at Clermont every morning. People from Olean can go to Smethport or Clermont and attend to their business and return the same day. Yes, our company does all it can to please the traveling public."

Active steps are being taken by the Swedish citizens of Jamestown looking to the celebration of the 251st anniversary of the first Swedish settlement on the Delaware, on Saturday, September 15. I notice that J H Sandstrom, Warren, O Hegleu, Johnsonburg, and Jno. O. Sonbergh, Clermont, are among the committee of arrangements. Excursion trains will be run on all roads leading to Jamestown, and nearly 6,000 Swedish-Americans from New York and Western Pennsylvania are expected to be present Among other speakers, I notice "Jones that pays the freight."

DOOLEY DOOLE.

D. C. YOUNG is selling off his goods at reduced rates preparatory to moving into his new store.

ANNIE CHEEEL.

The ice cream festival held at the residence of John Cooper, on Thursday evening of last week, for the benefit of Rev. E. S. Wilcox, pastor in charge of the M. E. church, was a grand success. Notwithstanding the unusual coolness of the evening, ice cream was in good demand. There was a large attendance and a liberal sum realized, thus showing their appreciation of the earnestness with which he has labored among them during the past year. When a man's purse is used as a token of friendship between two individuals, it gives a better realization of facts than any other method that can be employed. W.

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

This column will be open to short communications from ladies, especially housekeepers, and any condition or cheap receipts which they have tried and found good will be thankfully received. Also brief communications from farmers and fruit growers on the various things in which they are interested, are requested. Let us tell of what we have learned by experience, and of the very best ways of doing things, and so "help one another." Address

LIBTOR FARM AND HOUSEHOLD,
Care of MINER, Smethport, Pa.

GOOD THINGS FOR WOMEN TO REMEMBER.

Beware of meddlers and talebearers.

Never charge a bad motive, if a good one is conceivable.

Remember that valuable as is the gift of speech, silence is often more valuable.

No cosmetics are so capable of enhancing beauty as the smile of good temper and a desire to please.

Never retort is sharp or angry word. It is the second word that makes the quarrel

SPARKS.

TO MOTHER.

I left thee once, in mad desire to find
The love for which my spirit yearned with pain.
At many a door I knocked in vain, asking
Love's alms which none to grant inclined
But laughing treated me with cold disdain,
Then mother I returning came I went
Benumbed with weary heavy laden care,
And in thine eyes which on thy son were bent,
All I had sought, I found, for love was there
—[Stephen Nilson.

A little boy, who had just returned from his first visit on a farm, gave this description of butter making "You ought to just see how aunty makes butter with a barrel and a broomstick!"

Once in a while it is refreshing to come upon a woman who is doing the best she can in the sphere in which she is placed. One "not too good for human nature's daily food," women who believe in poetic fire in the kitchen, if it happens to be stirring the air over the sewing machine and dust pan, if perhaps it finds its way to them

It is not every woman that can wear a pen over her ear, nor every one who can cut, fit and properly put together that genteel instrument of torture, a man's fine shirt and instead of there being many dodges that the so called common place writers will become too common, there is a strong after appreciation that she may illustrate her value in the world, and sooner or later, be found scaling the heights of Olympus, with no time to look after the family down below.

Remarkable women are being discovered every day, but while they are multiplying, families are "breaking up" housekeeping, and going to hotels or fashionable boarding houses, children are being taken abroad to be educated, and furnishing houses supply the clothing which the most cultured women formerly took pride in making, or having made at home A generally relaxed phase of home life has been growing upon American women for some time, and as far as practical needlework is concerned, who knows of any modern Phyllis giving Corydon a hemmed-stitched handkerchief, hemmed by P with loving thoughts of C? Or Corydon would no sooner think of looking for a needle prick on the delicately manicured fingers of Phyllis' left hand, than of asking her what kind of neckties Paul wore Happily the law of action and reaction is as inevitable as the tides, and a reasonable order is certain to set in again before many years. A hotel will then be an occasional convenience, children will be reared and trained at home, and the most admirable housekeepers will be those in which accomplished women will manage affairs with the executive ability that is more necessary there than anywhere else

KITCHEN.

BAKED INDIAN PUDDING —Scald a quart of sweet milk and thicken it with a teacupful of cornmeal, when partly cool stir in half a pound of raisins, quarter of a pound of sugar four well-beaten eggs, spice to taste, and bake an hour and a half Serve with sauce

NOODLES —Take one egg, slightly beaten one tablespoonful of cold water and a small pinch of salt, add flour enough to make a stiff dough, roll as thin as a wafer, sprinkle over with flour and roll up into a tight roll Cut into thin slices and let dry for one hour before putting into the soup This rule makes noodles enough for two gallons of soup.

[illegible] a head of cabbage, chop very fine, season with pepper and salt. To make dressing take three tablespoonfuls of vinegar, heat until near boiling, take one teaspoonful of flour, one of butter, one of butter one of sugar, one-half teaspoonful of mustard, one-half of a beaten egg, stir in vinegar until it thickens. Pour over the cabbage while hot Set away to cool

FRIED CHICKEN —Wash the pieces in cold water, dry them in a cloth, roll in fine bread crumbs Take one half pint of milk chop in a tea spoonful of flour stir in the milk with a little salt and pepper and a teaspoonful of flour Fry the chicken in butter, when done lift the pieces on a hot dish, then pour the prepared cream slowly into the frying pan stirring quickly When well done pour the cream over the chicken

FARM

Oyster shells are composed largely of carbonate of lime Therefore, when ground fine, are good for fowls.

Nice appearing goods always sell best. Plump white and well-dressed chickens are the ones that bring the best prices.

Ducks do not enjoy confinement. Give them all the liberty possible, and a chance at the water for swimming exercises.

If coal ashes are placed in one corner of the fowl house they will be eagerly used by the fowls to keep themselves free from vermin

A teamster in Maine says he can start the worst balky horse by taking him out of the shafts and making him go round in a circle till he is giddy If the first dance is not enough, it gives a better realization of facts than any other method that can be employed.

On the Sea Shore.

EDITOR MINER:—At Philadelphia take the boat to Camden, across the Delaware, the West Jersey R. R. to Sea Isle City—65 miles over the Jersey sand. When nearing the coast you can distinctly sniff the sea breeze.

Sea Isle City is a new place, located on an island some 7 miles long by 2 miles wide. The beach is the finest on the Jersey coast. From Sea Isle to Atlantic City is some thirty miles, the railroad running along the seashore to Egg Harbor where you take the steamboat. The scenery along the seashore is very dismal, sand, sand all the way with a sprinkle of stunted cedars, most of them stripped of foliage with the bare limbs like arms spread out.

Atlantic City is crowded Every hotel and cottage is crammed full and the beach swarms with bathers of both sexes. It is a dangerous place to be, in the surf, if you are afraid of being kicked, for the first lesson in swimming is to learn to kick. To a bashful person from the island it looks very immodest, but you soon get over it. A young lady about to make her first appearance on the beach requested the matron to furnish her with a longer suit as she was a tall, portly person The matron, being a shrewd Jewess, had all sizes that would shrink or stretch as desired The lady found fault with it being too short, but the matron, true to her kind, said, "my tere, it vill stretch in de vater" But on her return from the beach with fire in her eye she said, "you naughty thing, you told me that the suit would stretch." The matron, prepared for such, smiled and said, "my tere, on pretty limbs it shrinks all de time."

Cape May is the battle-ground of the beautiful belles of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and southern cities. Listening to the remark of a bunch of experts with eye-glasses in hand and sharply of the surf, the remarks were "The Philadelphia girls are beautifully developed, perhaps more fleshy than the beauties of New York, but the southern beauties will capture the city R.

TARPORT TRIFLES

George Smith left Monday for Washington, Pa., where he is engaged in business

Miss Leonore Field has returned from a two months sojourn among the Rocky mountains

Miss Carrie B. Artley of the American House is entertaining Miss Edith Meade of Wilkesbarre.

Mr. and Mrs. E Miller, of Ittusville, are the guests of Mrs. Miller's parents, Mr and Mrs Dillner, of Limestone street

Mrs M A Haggerty spent a few days of last week at Lily Dale, Cassadaga lake

Miss Till Field is absent on a visit to friends in Canada

Miss Hattie Leslie, of Washington, Pa., is the guest of Winfred Sherman, of this place.

Miss Brandon of Allentown, is the guest of her sister, Mrs C. B. Mckenney of this place.

Heber Denman, a student of Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa., is visiting his parents, Mr and Mrs. John Denman.

Miss Lizzie Greer has returned from a visit to Cambridgeboro and Chautauqua lake

Miss Nellie Sherman has returned from a visit to Miss Lida Dugan, at Rew City.

John Purple of New York city, is the guest of his mother Mrs C. D. Longfellow

Miss Pearl Cotwick has returned from a prolonged visit to friends in Buffalo.

W I Fuld spent Sunday in Jamestown

A great many of our citizens spent Sunday at Chautauqua lake.

Miss B I Taylor is entertaining Miss Piatry, of Pittsburgh

W. C. T. U. Convention.

The sixth annual meeting of the Womans' Christian Temperance Union of McKean county, will be held in Eldred, Thursday and Friday, September 12 and 13. Everyone is invited, and each Union requested to send as large a delegation as possible The exercises will be entertaining and instructive, and will close with [illegible] Sentiment business

Mrs. Clara Hoffman. By order of
MRS H C. CHAMBERS,
County President.

Buffalo International Fair

At the Buffalo International Fair September 3d to 13th the "snap shot," B A Bartlet will give an exhibition of his skill He proposes to beat Dr Carver whose record was the breaking of 60,000 glass balls in six days Dr Carver was almost made blind by his efforts to make the best record ever known! But nothing daunted Mr Bartlett feels sure of his ability to beat Dr Carvers record. Latest reports from East Randolph, N. Y., say Mr Bartlett resides, say that he is in a splendid condition At a recent test he showed that he could break 46 balls in one minute. It seems extraordinary that he has time, in a minute, to pull the trigger 40 times without having to aim at and hit one of those little glass balls every time He has given an order to the Lockport Target Co for three carloads of composition balls for the exhibition at the Fair If you have ever seen any one shooting these composition balls as they fly glistening for an instant through the air, you can, perhaps, appreciate what it is to undertake to break three carloads of them in six days. In a recent letter the famous rifleman says that he is feeling particularly well and expects surely to accomplish his undertaking. His exhibitions will take place in a comfortable round top tent, 100x140 feet, where seats will be provided for the interested on-lookers.

Mr Bartlet is as handsome as he is skilled in shooting and it is to be hoped that he will not break as many hearts as glass balls, during his stay at the Fair

List of Travese Jurors Drawn for Term of Court Commencing Sept. 9th, 1889

Anson, Noah—Liberty
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Byer, Joseph—Corydon
Bishop, Charles—Liberty
Beckham, A—Bradford city.
Drake, Jackson—Eldred twp.
Derby, D W—Keating
Richardson, C F—Clermont
Edmunds, John—Lafayette
Eckhart, Frank—Port Allegany
Elson, W C.—Bradford twp
Kelly, G W—Bradford city
Fowler, Rice J—Eldred twp.
Freeman, G J—Keating.
Galutia, Jacob—Eldred twp.
Holmes, E N—Corydon
Bowder, Hiram A—Annin
Ashbard, S. W.—Keating.
Hamlin, H. H—Smethport.
Hughes, S. B.—Kane
Johnson, J C. Bradford twp
Jackson, Willis—Kane
Hamble, W. B.—Norwich.
Elsbolm, Theo.—Wetmore
Mix, Frank—Eldred twp
Murry, A—Bradford twp
McCune, J O.—Foster
McMurray, Robt., Sr.—Derrick City
Nelson, G. B.—Bradford twp.
O Connell, D. B.—Bradford twp
Rich, J.—Bradford City.
Rockwell, Samuel—Keating.
Splain, Michael—Corea.
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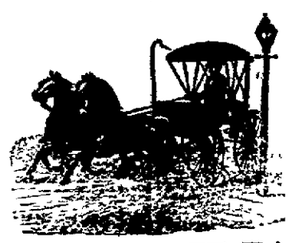

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INCREDIBLE CRUELTIES OF 1793.

Jean Baptiste Carrier, One of the Most Bloodthirsty of the Revolutionists—Noyades and Republican Nuptials and Marriages—Antecedents of the Queen.

By JUNIUS HENRI BROWNE.

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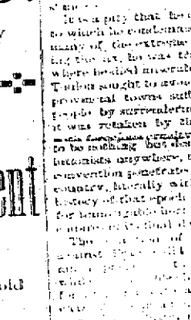
Jean Baptiste Carrier was one of the most bloodthirsty of the revolutionists. A native of the old province of Auvergne, he favored the movement of the revolutionary tribune in a member of the convention, and voted for the death of Louis XVI. He professed also the popular sentiment for the rights of the soldiers, a sentiment which he showed by refusing to be exempted from service in the military ranks. He was elected to the convention by the department of Cantal, and was sent to Lyons with Fouché and Couthon to punish severely the rebellion which was aroused by the execution of the unfortunate Louis. Carrier said to have ordered four hundred persons to be executed at one time with grape shot, because he had received a bullet wound in the shoulder from one of the insurgents. Wounded more than once, and dreadful sometimes are the modes of leading a man into an ambuscade.

It is a pity that he did not meet the doom to which he condemned his fellows, as did so many of the extreme revolutionists. Having got rich by the war, he was denounced to Bayonne, where he lived miserably, and died deservedly. Tallien sought to avoid the horrors that other provincial towns suffered from their own people by surrendering to the English. But it was retaken by the French, and treated as rebellious province. In fact there seemed to be nothing but despair for any who refused to fraternize with the Republicans, and the conversion penetrated to every corner of the country, literally with fire and sword. The history of that epoch has hardly been equaled for horrible incidents, those of the Roman proscriptions excepted.

INCREDIBLE SAVAGERY.

Prisoners were decapitated by scores. In truth, the axe was insufficient: it could not do its fatal work fast enough. Consequently other means of extermination were devised. Tallien, in favored Bordeaux, with his five hundred young Parisiennes, took a prominent part in the affair on the Tuileries (Aug. 10, 1792), which led to the downfall of the monarchy.

Since then it has ever been the chant of freedom in France, and has gone round and through the civilized world. For passion, inspiration, it scarcely has a master. Recent researches have given countenance to the opinion that the melody was not original with De Lisle, but a conscious or unconscious memory of the Credo of the fourth mass of one Holtzmann, of Marburg, composed in 1756. But the opinion is not well founded. The Marseillaise is wholly accepted. The Marseillaise is the two national hymn of France. It is also an invincible army to the nation. A French general wrote during the Revolution: "We are fighting one against ten, but the Marseillaise fights on our side." Another Marseillaise fights on our side." Another said in his dispatches: "Send me a thousand men and a copy of the Marseillaise, and I will march with victory."



EXECUTION OF MARIE ANTOINETTE.

Her peace and life. It was an evil destiny that drew her from Vienna to Versailles, and evil followed her to the scaffold. From the hour that the mob had compelled the royal family to quit the palace of Versailles for the Tuileries—her life was then attempted—she had cherished small hope of any kind. She had become a close prisoner since the death of Louis, and had looked daily for her doom.

It is well nigh impossible, even after the passage of a century, to judge impartially of the men or characters of the Revolution. Records of the time are colored by the passionate prejudice of the royalist or republican. What one lauds, the other censures; the martyr here is the traitor there. Patriotism on one side becomes crime on the other. The best of the French was so interwoven that truth itself had been almost burned up, or, at least, warped and twisted thereby. It is hard to decide to-day whether many of the leaders were heroes or monsters. Probably they were, in such madness of the state, a combination of both. In a political agony of that sort, humanity ceases to be normal.

While we are shocked at the atrocities perpetrated, we can see the causes that made them possible.

Marie Antoinette was early designed by her mother, the renowned Maria Theresa, to be the wife of the French captain, with the latent to strengthen Austria against Prussia and England. Recent researches have given evidence that the melody was not original with De Lisle, but a conscious or unconscious memory of the Credo of the fourth mass of one Holtzmann, of Marburg, composed in 1756. But the opinion is not well founded. The Marseillaise is wholly accepted. The Marseillaise is the two national hymn of France. It is also an invincible army to the nation. A French general wrote during the Revolution: "We are fighting one against ten, but the